breakdown of Northen Grid there has been serious power crisis in Uttar Pradesh:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have received any request from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The shortage of power in Uttar Pradesh is mainly due to the growth in demand for power outstripping the availability of power as well as overall shortage of power in the Northern Region. During the current year, there were no frequent failures in Anpara Thermal Power Station of Uttar Pradesh and Rihand Super Thermal Power Station of NTPC and there was no breakdown of Northern Regional Grid. The energy and peaking shortage in Uttar Pradesh during the period April-July, 2006 was of the order of 20.6% and 20.2% respectively.

(c) to (e) Government of Uttar Pradesh had requested Ministry of Power in May, 2006 for adequate allocation of power from Tehri and Tala Hydro-Electric Projects on the basis of State's needs, its population and current peak deficit as well as additional allocation of 150-200 MW to meet the current deficit situation.

Allocation from Tehri and Tala Hydro-Electric Projects has been decided in consultation with Central Electricity Authority and Uttar Pradesh has been allocated 374 MW and 300 MW respectively from these power projects. Additional allocation of 50 MW power during 1200-2300 hrs. from the unallocated power of central generating stations of Northern Region was made in favour of Uttar Pradesh with effect from 30th May, 2006.

Deployment to CISF to control power theft

2525. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Ministr of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to deploy CISF in Delhi for controlling theft of electricity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expected expenditure for this deployment and who will bear it?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Government of India has placed one company of CISF at the disposal of Department of Power, Government of NCT of Delhi for the security of distribution companies (DISCOMs) officers while carrying out raids and inspection to curb electricity theft on Internal Security (IS) duty pattern. For enforcement drive Delhi Policy officers would also accompany the CISF and take appropriate law and order action. The expenditure on deployment of CISF personnel will be borne by the Government of NCT of Delhi and the expenditure would be as per charges specified in CISF deployment norms.

Allocation of power to Rajasthan

†2526. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has demanded increase in current power allocation from unallocated quota of central power houses;

(b) if so, the details of year-wise increase in State power quota by Central Government during last three years;

(c) whether reduction in capacity of 1st Unit of atomic power station in Rajasthan has led to increase the power crisis in the State; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) While Rajasthan experienced energy and peaking shortage of 0.4% and 8.3% respectively during September, 2004 (before the closure of RAPP Unit-I on 9th October, 2004), the prevailing energy and peaking shortage in Rajasthan is of the order of 4.3% and 10.6% respectively. Main reason for increase in shortage of power in Rajasthan is increase

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.